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DECISION ON PETITION
TO WITHDRAW THE
HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

In re Application of
Klaus-Juergen Westermann, et al.
Application No. 09/319,842
Filed: August 9, 1999
For: SUPPORT FOR THE JOINT HINGE
OF WIPER BLADE

This is a decision on applicant's petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment, filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), on April 23, 2001 and supplemented by facsimile on June 21, 2001.

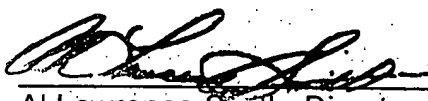
The petition is **GRANTED**.

A review of the file record indicates that the application was held abandoned for failure to timely respond to the Office action dated August 28, 2000.

Applicant's petition includes a copy of a response and request for a two-month extension of time, bearing a Certificate of Mailing date of January 29, 2001. A statement by Michael Striker was received within the petition, which attests to the personal knowledge of mailing the response and request for extension of time on the date indicated on the Certificate of Mailing. It is further noted that applicant's extension of time fee was charged to Deposit Account 19-4675 (instead of 14-4675 as indicated in the petition) and was credited to the application. This is acceptable evidence of a timely response.

Since a timely response to the Office action was filed, the holding of abandonment is withdrawn and the application is restored to pending status. The application is being forwarded to the Supervisory Legal Instruments Examiner for entry of the Amendment filed with the petition, and then to the Primary Examiner for prompt action on the merits of the application.

Telephone inquiries relative to this decision should be directed to Special Programs Examiner Steven Meyers at (703) 308-3868.


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